GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – M.A. & U.D. Department – Certain irregularities in construction of Mega Housing Project at Madhurawada in Visakhapatnam taken up by the VMRDA/VUDA, Visakhapatnam - Disciplinary Proceedings initiated against Sri I.Viswanatha Rao, the then Chief Engineer (Retd.), and two (2) others of VMRDA/VUDA, Visakhapatnam under Rule 20 of A.P.Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 - Articles of Charges issued – Enquiry conducted – Charges Not Proved – Further action dropped – Orders - Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 35. **Dated: 21.01.2019.**

Read the Following:-

1. From the Director General, General Administration (V&E) Department, Vigilance Report No.28 (318/V&E/E1/2010), dated 09.05.2012.
2. G.O.Rt.Nos.144 to 146, M.A. & U.D.(Vig.III) Department, dated 04.03.2015.
3. Written Statement of Defence of the charged officers Sri I.Viswanadha Rao, the then Chief Engineer and Smt.D.Vijaya Bharathi, the then Chief Accounts Officer of VMRDA/VUDA., Visakhapatnam.
4. G.O.Rt.No.333, M.A. & U.D.(Vig.IV) Dept., dated 28.04.2017.
5. G.O.Rt.No.334, M.A. & U.D.(Vig.IV) Dept., dated 28.04.2017.
6. From Smt.P.Asha Jyothi, Member Secretary & Enquiry Officer, A.P.Property Tax Board, Office of the DMA., A.P., Guntur, letter Roc.No.52380/2017/A1, dated 02.02.2018 and subsequently letter dated 12.09.2018.
7. Govt. Memo. No.12799/Vig.I(1)/2012, dated 03.01.2019 of M.A. & U.D.(Vig.I) Department.
8. Written Representations of the charged officers.

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O R D E R:

Whereas, it has been brought to the notice of the Government by the Director General, General Administration (V&E) Department in the reference 1st read above that, the Vigilance & Enforcement Department have noticed certain irregularities in construction of Mega Housing Project at Madhurawada in Visakhapatnam taken up by the VMRDA/VUDA. The Director General, G.A.(V&E) Department has recommended to initiate departmental action against viz., Sri I.Viswanadha Rao, the then Chief Engineer; Sri Y.Ramesh, the then O.S.D., and Smt.D.Vijaya Bharathi, the then Chief Accounts Officer of VMRDA/VUDA., Visakhapatnam.

2. Whereas, in the G.Os. 2nd read above, Government have initiated departmental action against Sri I.Viswanadha Rao, the then Chief Engineer; Sri Y.Ramesh, the then O.S.D., and Smt.D.Vijaya Bharathi, the then Chief Accounts Officer of VMRDA/VUDA., Visakhapatnam by issuing Articles of Charges against them.

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3. In the reference 3rd read above, the charged officers viz., Sri I.Viswanadha Rao, the then Chief Engineer and Smt.D.Vijaya Bharathi, the then Chief Accounts Officer of VMRDA/VUDA., Visakhapatnam have submitted their written statement of defence, denying the charges framed against them and requested to drop further action against them.

4. As the written statements of defence of the charged officers are not convincing, in the G.Os. 4th and 5th read above, orders were issued, appointing Smt.P.Asha Jyothi, RDMA., Visakhapatnam and the Secretary, VMRDA/VUDA., Visakhapatnam as Enquiry Officer and Presenting Officer respectively, to enquire into the charges framed against Sri I.Viswanadha Rao, the then Chief Engineer (Retd.) and two others of VMRDA/VUDA., Visakhapatnam

5. In the reference 6th read above, Smt.P.Asha Jyothi, Member Secretary & Enquiry Officer, A.P.Property Tax Board, Office of the DMA., A.P., Guntur has submitted her Enquiry Report and held that the charges framed against viz., (1) Sri.I.Viswanatha Rao, the then Chief Engineer (Retd.), VMRDA/VUDA, Visakhapatnam; (2) Sri Y.Ramesh, the then O.S.D., VMRDA/VUDA, Visakhapatnam, Town & Country Planning Organization, Govt. of India, New Delhi; and (3) Smt.D.Vijaya Bharathi, the then Chief Accounts Officer, VMRDA/VUDA., Visakhapatnam were not proved in the enquiry.

6. In the reference 7th read above, while communicating a copy of Enquiry Report under Rule 21(2) of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991, the charged officers viz., (1) Sri.I.Viswanatha Rao, the then Chief Engineer (Retd.), VMRDA/VUDA, Visakhapatnam; (2) Sri Y.Ramesh, the then O.S.D., VMRDA/VUDA, Visakhapatnam, Town & Country Planning Organization, Govt. of India, New Delhi; and (3) Smt.D.Vijaya Bharathi, the then Chief Accounts Officer, VMRDA/VUDA., Visakhapatnam and presently working as Finance Officer, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam were directed to submit their written representations if any, on the findings of Enquiry Officer.

7. In the reference 8th read above, the charged officers viz., (1) Sri.I.Viswanatha Rao, the then Chief Engineer (Retd.), VRMDA/VUDA, Visakhapatnam; (2) Sri Y.Ramesh, the then O.S.D., VRMDA/VUDA, Visakhapatnam, Town & Country Planning Organization, Govt. of India, New Delhi; and (3) Smt.D.Vijaya Bharathi, the then Chief Accounts Officer of VMRDA/VUDA., Visakhapatnam and presently working as Finance Officer, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam have submitted their written representations and requested to drop further action against them.

8. Government after careful examination of the matter, have decided to drop further action against (1) Sri.I.Viswanatha Rao, the then Chief Engineer (Retd.), VMRDA/VUDA, Visakhapatnam; (2) Sri Y.Ramesh, the then O.S.D., VMRDA/VUDA, Visakhapatnam, Town & Country Planning Organization, Govt. of India, New Delhi; and (3) Smt.D.Vijaya Bharathi, the then Chief Accounts Officer, VMRDA/VUDA., Visakhapatnam and presently working as Finance Officer, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, and exonerate them fully from the charges, as all charges were not held proved in the enquiry.

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9. Accordingly, Government hereby order to drop further action against (1) Sri.I.Viswanatha Rao, the then Chief Engineer (Retd.), VMRDA/VUDA, Visakhapatnam; (2) Sri Y.Ramesh, the then O.S.D., VMRDA/VUDA, Visakhapatnam, Town & Country Planning Organization, Govt. of India, New Delhi; and (3) Smt.D.Vijaya Bharathi, the then Chief Accounts Officer, VMRDA/VUDA., Visakhapatnam and presently working as Finance Officer, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, and exonerate them fully from the charges, as all charges were not held proved in the enquiry.

10. The Metropolitan Commissioner, Visakhapatnam Metropolitan Region Development Authority, Visakhapatnam shall take further necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

11. The receipt of G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

R.KARIKAL VALAVEN
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri I.Viswanatha Rao, the then Chief Engineer (Retd.),
VMRDA/VUDA, Visakhapatnam.
Sri Y.Ramesh, the then O.S.D., VMRDA/VUDA, Visakhapatnam,
Town & Country Planning Organization, Govt. of India, New Delhi.
Smt.D.Vijaya Bharathi, the then Chief Accounts Officer,
VMRDA/VUDA., Visakhapatnam and presently working as
Finance Officer, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam.
(through the Metropolitan Commissioner, Visakhapatnam Metropolitan Region Development Authority, Visakhapatnam).
The Metropolitan Commissioner,
Visakhapatnam Metropolitan Region Development Authority,
Visakhapatnam.

Copy to:
The Director General, G.A.(V&E) Department, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Secretary to A.P.Vigilance Commission, 5th Building, A.P.Secretariat.
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SECTION OFFICER